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ARIZONA CONGRESS FAVORS TEACHERS' AMENDMENTS

(Special to the Era)

Nogales, July 3.—Endorsement of the proposed constitutional amendment being initiated by the Arizona State Teachers' association to provide for an appointive board of education which would appoint the state school superintendent, presentation of a membership report showing the organization has 12,193 members, and adoption of a resolution thanking newspapers of the state for their cooperation and of regret at the death of Frank L. Ewing, prominent Yuma business man and a member of the board, were among the features of the meeting of the board of directors of the Arizona Industrial Congress here last Friday.

Immediately following the meeting officers of the congress issued a statement urging all citizens of the state to give their support to the measure proposed by the teachers, declaring it a necessary step to remove the state school system from politics and secure efficiency in its administration. All qualified voters are urged by the congress to sign the petitions being circulated by the teachers to place the proposed amendment on the ballot at the general election, and these signatures must be filed immediately.

Nine state-wide associations, one commodity marketing organization, and twelve county and city civic organizations, have taken out association membership in the congress, it was shown in the membership report. These organizations are:

Arizona Farm Bureau Federation, Arizona Cattle Growers' association, Arizona Wool Growers' association, Arizona Bankers' association, Arizona Wholesale Produce association, Arizona Wholesale Grocers' association, Arizona Medical association, Arizona Chapter American Mining Congress, Arizona Gas, Electric Light and Power association, Arizona Pima Cotton Growers' association, Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, Phoenix Junior Chamber of Commerce, Maricopa County Chamber of Commerce, Tucson Builders Exchange, Yavapai County Chamber of Commerce, Verde District Commercial Club, Mohave County Chamber of Commerce, Douglas Chamber of Commerce, Snowflake Chamber of Commerce, Oatman Mine Operators' Association.

This organization membership, with the charter membership and business firm members, makes up the total membership of 12,193 shown in the report.

Other reports submitted at the meeting covered in detail the activities of the congress since the last directors' meeting in April. These reports included "Trade at Home Week," which was held throughout the state May 22nd to 27th and the success of the congress in increasing consumption of the state's agricultural and manufactured products.

Election of a director to succeed Frank L. Ewing of Yuma, was deferred, a committee being appointed to make nominations.

CELEBRATE NATION'S HOLIDAY AT DUNCAN

Hundreds of people from Morenci, Metcalf, Clifton and the valley, motored to Duncan on July 4th to participate in the patriotic celebration at that place which had been arranged by the Ladies of the Missionary Society and who are deserving of the thanks of all those in attendance for their splendid efforts.

Duncan was the only town in the county that celebrated on the Fourth and in addition to the entertainment afforded the event offered an opportunity for an enjoyable outing in the agricultural district.

The program consisted of reading of the Declaration of Independence, Patriotic addresses by Claude Hooker and Dave Ling, patriotic songs, and concluding with a barbecue picnic.

In the afternoon there were races for the children and dancing in the Duncan Hall which continued until the wee sma hours Wednesday morning.

ENTERTAINING AT GRAY'S PEAK—

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. W. Burch, who have rented a cottage at Gray's Peak for the summer, have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Sabra and Wm. Ingraham, of Phoenix, for the week. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Terry were also visitors at the cottage on Thursday afternoon and evening.

RETURN FROM FISHING TRIP—

P. G. Beckett, General Manager of Phelps Dodge Corporation and Capt. J. P. Hodgson, of the Morenci Branch, returned Thursday evening from a fishing trip on the Apache National Forest. Mr. Beckett returned to his headquarters in Douglas on Friday morning's train.

P. D. Producing Mines Assessed For \$16,345,439 In This County

With the final assessment of the producing mines and continuous groups thereto in this county, and the assessment placed upon railroads by the State Tax Commission, it is apparent that the total assessed valuation of Greenlee county, for the year 1922, will be approximately \$31,750,000 as compared with the assessed valuation for the year 1921 of \$25,000,000, a decrease during the past year of \$6,750,000.

The assessed valuation of the producing mines and continuous groups of the Phelps Dodge Corporation for this year is \$16,345,439.00 as compared with \$17,609,559.00 for 1921 a decrease of \$1,264,120.00 last year. The railroad assessment also shows a decrease for the year of \$88,856.00 as follows:

	1922	1921
Coronado		
Railroad	\$ 109,854.00	\$ 122,060.00
A. & N. M. Ry.	\$ 1,847,250.00	\$ 2,052,500.00
Morenci		
Southern	\$ 164,980.00	\$ 331,380.00
TOTALS	\$ 2,122,084.00	\$ 2,505,940.00

The decrease on the mines and railroads assessment is \$1,648,076.00 and the remainder of the decrease is accounted for by a reduced valuation on merchandise stocks, cattle, and town improvements in Clifton, Morenci and Metcalf.

In contrast to the reduction in the assessed valuation of county property, however, is the statement by Clerk of the Board, A. L. Terry, that the budget for county expenses, for all purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1922, will be approximately \$120,000.00 less than was levied for the year 1921-22. This material reduction is accounted for in a reduction in the road fund and school funds for the ensuing year.

The itemized budget as proposed by the Board of Supervisors will be published in the next issue of The

TWO INDICTED ON BIGAMY CHARGES BY GRAND JURY

PHOENIX, Arizona, July 5.—

Through two indictments returned yesterday the special county grand jury has started proceedings which are destined to directly affect the lives of 27 persons. The indictments charge bigamy against J. J. Huber, the father of nine children by two wives, and against J. E. Robinson, the father of 12 children by two wives. The four families live in Mesa and vicinity.

Although bench warrants were issued for the two defendants about noon yesterday they were not served as neither Huber nor Robinson could be located. Deputy Sheriff Harry Diehl and Gilbert Blanco called upon the four wives of the two defendants, but gleaned very little information.

At the home of Mrs. Robinson in Gilbert, Deputy Sheriff Diehl was told that both Robinson and Huber had departed on the preceding night for Mexico. Automobiles belonging to the defendants were found at their respective homes. It is not known what means of transportation was employed in event the trip south was started as reported.

J. E. Robinson is assistant state dairy inspector at the present time. Huber is a rancher. Both are said to be Mormons.

Married Long Ago

The indictments have brought to light a peculiar condition which may exist in other Mormon settlements. Friends of the two defendants assert that each contracted the plural marriages before the state and church laws directed against polygamy had been enacted. The marriages were solemnized more than 20 years ago. When the law against bigamy became effective, there were many Mormon families following in the faith and teachings of the church that either had to deny the law of marital obligations or the statutes of the state. Some chose to continue to support the families for which they had assumed responsibility.

Huber is said to have contracted his marriage in Mexico and Robinson in Utah.

Investigations of the special county grand jury will be brought to a close this afternoon according to Herman Lewkowitz who has had general charge of the jury work. It is expected that County Attorney R. E. L. Shepherd will present some important evidence to the jury today and there are probabilities that one or more new indictments will be returned. However it was declared by Lewkowitz yesterday that no new evidence pertaining to the Ku Klux Klan will be sought today as the jury will devote itself to other matters.

VISITING DAUGHTER AT NACAZARI—

Mike Reardon, veteran railroad conductor, is on a thirty days leave of absence and is visiting with his daughter, Mrs. Leland, at Nacozari, Sonora.

Copper Era and on August 14th the Board will meet for the final adoption of the budget at which time taxpayers of the county will be afforded the opportunity to appear in favor of or in opposition to the several items contained therein.

With reduced valuations of property in the county and a material reduction in the budget next year, it is reasonable to predict that the actual amount of money paid for taxes will be less this year than it was last.

Chairman McCalla Sends Open Letter to Democrats of State

M. H. McCalla, Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, who enjoys the respect and confidence of all elements in the party, has addressed a letter to the members of the Democratic party in Arizona, brim full of sound advice and proposing a program of construction and retrenchment as the slogan of the Democratic party in Arizona this year.

The ERA takes great pleasure in presenting to its readers the letter of the State Chairman in full as follows:

To The Members of the Democratic Party in Arizona

The time is fast approaching when the Democracy of Arizona will be called upon to make its selection of those who will go to make up the Democratic ticket to be voted for at the coming state and county election. Each succeeding day brings more convincing evidence that these selections should be made with the greatest care, to the end that those who are selected will be men and women who enjoy the confidence of the people and who will render the most efficient service to the public if elected.

With a view of impressing this upon your minds, desiring to awaken among the Democrats a desire to know their duties in this connection, and for the purpose of arousing activity looking to the performance of these duties, I am presuming it to be within the scope of my privileges, as Chairman of your state organization, to address this letter to you.

Before entering on a detailed discussion of the matters to which I desire to call your special attention, may I not be permitted to digress for the purpose and opportunity of saying that the Democratic party has always believed in, and will in the future advocate the principle of submission to the expressed will of the majority. It matters not whether this will be expressed by the acts and words of the members of the party, individually performed or spoken, or whether the majority expresses its will through an authorized agency delegated for the purpose; obedience to its mandate is Democratic in principle and should be respected by all those who believe in Democratic doctrine.

The chances for the success of the party never looked brighter. The record of Democratic achievement stands out with more prominence than ever before, and the services rendered the public are more highly appreciated today than ever in the history of the party.

Although we are now and at all times have been during the present state administration burdened with the misfortune of a loosely constructed administrative policy and extravagant ideas; although the people are today as never before aroused to the necessity of replacing a defaulting administration with brains, efficiency and constructive action, yet we must not content ourselves in the thought that we can rest our case on the demerits of our opponents. Neither must we overlook our duty to the people, or forget our loyalty to the principles of Democracy in the mad scramble for public office.

We must exercise wisdom in the selection of men and women for our ticket. We must not allow ourselves to fall into the error common to the Republican party, and become more interested in winning a political victory at the polls than the welfare of the state. The principals upon which the party was founded must always be the controlling forces within it, and obedience to the mandates of these principles must always be the test by which the services of public officials are measured.

The positions of lesser importance to be filled at the coming general election, for which candidates will be selected at the approaching primary, must not be lost sight of through a desire to choose wisely candidates for offices of major importance. The roots of a tree are the veins through which circulate the lifeblood thereof; in government the subordinate offices are the mediums through which efficient and economical government is administered. Therefore care and caution should dictate the selection of candidates for these offices.

In connection with your duties in this regard I desire to direct your attention to, and impress upon your

Members of the Executive Committee, from the Greenlee County Taxpayers' Association, composed of James Cromb, E. H. Green, and W. J. Collins, of Clifton and L. J. Owen, of Morenci, and H. E. Brubaker, Secretary of the Association, appeared before the Board of Supervisors on Monday last, the day prescribed by Statute for fixing the salaries of the various Justices of the Peace and Constables in the four Justice Precincts in the county.

Prior to the meeting of the Board

minds the importance of the legislative branch of our state government. A ship without a pilot soon drifts upon the rocks and is destroyed; so it is in state government.

Without a sane, legislative body to direct the activities of those charged with executive and administrative duties, those so charged are apt to drift into the channels of incompetency, extravagance and indifference. It is wise, therefore, that in selecting men and women as candidates for membership in our legislative bodies, only those should be selected that measure up to the standard of efficiency, economy and constructiveness. By this is meant no disparaging reference to those who have served in this capacity in the past, my whole aim being to encourage Democrats to select candidates for these positions that are best fitted to fill them.

The precaution suggested in the selection of candidates for the Legislature can well be employed in the selection of candidates for all state and county offices. Only those who believe in the principles of justice should be considered; only those who have a mature program to suggest, and the courage to carry into effect such a program, should be selected. The conditions under which the people of Arizona are now struggling, the demand for relief from the consequences of an extravagant state administration, which is overtaxation, call for a program that will provide for:

FIRST: A policy of retrenchment in the extravagant expenditure of public money such as now obtains in the state.

SECOND: A reduction in the confiscatory tax levy now being imposed for the maintenance of the state government.

THIRD: The substitution of efficiency and sound business judgment for incompetency and indifference.

FOURTH: A policy of strict attention to duties at home, with a reduction in the cost to the public for travel abroad.

FIFTH: The restoration of our Highway Department to its former condition to the end that this department of state may be made to function in the interest of road construction instead of partisan politics.

SIXTH: The abolition of useless boards and commissions created during the present Republican administration.

SEVENTH: A policy that insures protection for and offers encouragement to capital invested in the development of our resources, and full and complete protection to labor in its constitutional and moral rights.

EIGHTH: A liberal policy in support of our educational institutions and good roads movement, consistent with their needs and actual requirements.

NINTH: A policy that will discourage the issuance of high interest bearing bonds for the payment of which the state and its subdivisions stand responsible.

TENTH: The adoption of a state financial system that will fully and completely carry out the purposes of the Elliott Financial Code enacted by the Special Session of the Fifth State Legislature, to the end that the unlawful expenditure of these funds under the pretended authority of a law erroneously interpreted, may be prevented.

ELEVENTH: Full effort in behalf of agriculture, stock-raising and other kindred industries, the success of which is so essential to the prosperity of the state.

With a program that embodies these constructive principles of government assured; with the selection of candidates who will strive for the achievement of its purposes; with a primary campaign conducted without vilification and political mudslinging; the progress of Democracy can not be checked, nor its success at the polls deferred.

With all mindfulness for the people's good, with great pride in the achievement of Democracy in the past, with reiterated assurance that the Democratic party will always champion the rights of the masses, and with confidence in the judgment of the electorate of our state, I repeat that our chances for success were never brighter than now.

Very truly yours,
M. H. McCALLA,
Chairman, Democratic State Central Committee.

Taxpayers Urge Salary Reductions For Peace Officers In the County

On Monday afternoon the Executive Committee held a meeting in the Treasurer's office and agreed to present recommendations to the Board regarding the salaries for precinct officers over the period of the next two years beginning January 1, 1923. Appearing before the Board, E. H. Green, President of the Taxpayers' Association, acted as spokesman.

Mr. Green stressed the point that owing to local conditions in the district that it behooved the Board to retrench in expenditures wherever found possible and that in the opinion of the committee, representing the Taxpayers, the salaries of the several Justices of the Peace, and in some instances the salaries of Constables also, should be reduced over the period of the next two years.

On behalf of the Committee Mr. Green presented the following proposal of salaries for the consideration of the Board:

	Present Salary	Proposed Salary
Clifton Precinct—		
Justice of Peace	\$100.00	\$ 50.00
Constable	100.00	10.00
Morenci Precinct—		
Justice of Peace	150.00	50.00
Constable	150.00	150.00
Metcalf Precinct—		
Justice of Peace	125.00	50.00
Constable	125.00	125.00
Duncan Precinct—		
Justice of Peace	100.00	50.00
Constable	100.00	25.00

In explanation of the figures presented the committee stated that the salary of the Constable at Morenci and Metcalf was fixed the same as at present for the reason that it was believed necessary that Morenci should have two officers on duty as at present, a constable and a deputy sheriff, and that Metcalf only had one peace officer.

The salary of constable in Clifton was fixed at ten dollars per month in the belief that no such officer at the county seat was required. Likewise the salary of constable at Duncan was proposed at \$25.00 per month on the ground that the Duncan precinct now has a deputy sheriff and constable, whereas one officer would be entirely sufficient.

Chairman A. C. Stanton, being absent at the meeting on Monday the matter of fixing the salaries was postponed temporarily awaiting his return when final action will be taken.

Member Floyd Hightower agreed that only one peace officer was required in the Duncan precinct but argued that this officer should be the constable elected by the people of that precinct and should receive sufficient salary to justify him in devoting all of his time to the office.

Both members Hightower and Anderson agreed with the Committee that some reductions could be made in the several precincts which no doubt will be done before the budget is published.

BURIAL OF MOTHER OF WALTER DOUGLAS IN QUEBEC TUESDAY

Mrs. Naomi Douglas, mother of Walter and James S. Douglas, and widow of the late Dr. James S. Douglas, died Tuesday at Spuyten Duyvil, New York, according to word received this week.

Mrs. Douglas' health had been failing rapidly for the last six months, and word of her death had been almost momentarily expected. Mrs. Douglas was 84 years of age. Funeral services were held in Quebec.

Mrs. Douglas' health began to fail in 1918 after the death of Dr. James S. Douglas. Many times after her husband's death she is said to have expressed the wish that she might be called to rest beside him.

Mrs. Douglas was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Douglas, of Glasgow, Scotland, and she and Dr. Douglas were married in Scotland in 1860. Four of the seven sons and daughters born to Dr. and Mrs. Douglas are living. They are James S. Douglas; Walter, of New York; Elizabeth who was with her mother when death came, and Mrs. Archibald Douglas, of New York City.

While Mrs. Douglas' name was Douglas before her marriage, the two families were not related, nor had the family of Archibald Douglas, whom one of her daughters married, any lineal connection with the family of Dr. James S. Douglas.

FIRE SIREN ARRIVES—
Town Engineer A. J. Kerr has been superintending the erection this week of the new electrical fire siren on the roof of the Town Hall which in the future will sound the fire alarms. The suggestion has been made that the siren be used also to mark the hour of 7:30 a. m., 12:00 M. and 5:30 p. m. in the absence of the machine shop whistle.

M. C. Kendrick left this week to accept a position at Nacozari.

NATIONALIZATION OF COLO. RIVER WATER POWER OPPOSED

Representatives of sundry mining companies of Arizona oppose the proposed nationalization of the Colorado River water-storage and hydro-electric development and propose that the state finance the project, according to a writer in the Engineering and Mining Journal-Press of New York. The necessary funds might be secured by means of state bond issues with low interest charges, these issues backed by Arizona power consumers. It happens that these power consumers mainly would be mining corporations, which now are paying anywhere from \$50 to \$150 per horsepower per year. Up to 200,000 hp. it is thought that profit could be secured at \$25 per hp. a year. Up to 500,000 hp. the cost might start at \$15 and from there up to 800,000 hp. at \$12. At such cost, the belief is expressed that electric current profitably might be used for the reduction of ores and in metal manufacturing, as well as in ordinary mechanical and manufacturing industries. There is no intention, however, of confining the benefits to Arizona; power users in California or other states might join the power users' association. It is proposed to create an association that would market the bonds, do the engineering, provide and market the power and pay the costs, including interest, until the enterprise should become productive. It is assumed that under this plan the state eventually would be paid out and would have the water power works as a continuing asset of tremendous value.

Those advocating the plan believe that the Lee's Ferry dam site, now claimed the Edison Co., has features superior to those of the Boulder Canyon dam site, which is favored by the Reclamation Service. They estimate that at least 6,000,000 hp. can be secured within the Grand Canyon, though the process of its development would be gradual as necessity arose for generation of power.

ESSAY CONTEST IS OPEN TO GREENLEE COUNTY PUPILS

The American Legion is conducting a National Essay Contest throughout the nation open to pupils between the ages of twelve and eighteen years inclusive.

The following details and rules of the contest have been furnished the ERA by County School Superintendent Jessie L. Johnson.

SUBJECT:—"How The American Legion Can Best Serve The Nation."

The American Legion National Scholarship Prizes:

First prize \$750.
Second prize, \$500.
Third prize, \$250.

First prize in each state will be a silver medal; second prize a bronze medal. Other prizes will be awarded in different states, and announced later.

The cash prizes will be used only towards scholarships in colleges designated by the winners.

Rules
All girls and boys between the ages of 12 and 18 inclusive are eligible to enter this contest.

Only one essay to a person.
Essays will not be over 500 words in length.

Essays should be written in an affirmative and constructive way.
Only one side of paper to be used. A margin of one inch must be allowed on either side of the paper.

After essay is completed, paper should be neatly folded—not rolled. Spelling, penmanship and neatness will be considered in judging the winner.

Age will also be given full consideration.

Date
All essays must be received at the Office of County Superintendent of Schools not later than midnight of August 1, 1922.

Pledge
At the end of each essay, the following pledge must be signed:
"I hereby pledge my word of honor that I have written this essay myself."
am..... years old.

(Signed) Name of Contestant.

Street Address.

Town.

Date.

HORTON TO RETURN NEXT WEEK—

The Copper Era is in receipt of a letter from E. V. Horton which locates him at Dawson Springs, Kentucky, where he has been recuperating. Mr. Horton states that he will be back in Clifton between July 15th and 20th. He also adds that he is doing fine and has regained his normal weight.